

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS INDUSTRY

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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps to promote handicrafts in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the closed offices of handicrafts industries have been reopened;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and
- (e) if not, the time by when these offices are likely to be reopened?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. To promote Handicrafts in the country, Government has been implementing various schemes throughout the country. During the 11th Five year Plan the schemes which have been recommended for implementation for the development of handicrafts Industry in the Country include: Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana (AHVY) for integrated development for selected crafts Clusters, Marketing & Support Service, Design and Technology Upgradation, Research and Development, Human Resource Development and Welfare.

(c): Government does not have information regarding closure or reopening of the offices of the Handicrafts Industries in the country.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.